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COURT RULING BODY BLOW TO CALIFORNIA BAN ON 'HOT CARGO'

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San Francisco, California

The constitutionality of California's "secondary boycott" law was attacked by San Diego Superior Court Judge Dean Sherry in the case brought by the Union Ice Company against various labor unions in San Diego, reported in a previous issue of the News Letter. The Judge held that lawful acts done in the furtherance of a secondary boycott are protected under the guarantee of the constitutional right of freedom of speech. Since the heart of the complaint was the secondary boycott, with this ruling the efforts to shackle labor by this measure, which was passed in 1941 over Governor Olson's veto, have received another severe blow.

The complaint by the company was based on four counts: one for damages, and the others involving the secondary boycott, picketing and destruction of property. The complaint for damages asked by the Union Ice Company, which are claimed for loss of good will, was permitted to stand, and the company has the right to amend its complaint on this count and to come into court to prove its allegation of damages. The company will have to prove that the unlawful acts caused the alleged loss of good will. Unless they can prove so, they will not be entitled to any judgment.

RULING BY JUDGE

Insofar as the main count dealing with the secondary boycott is concerned, the Judge stated in his ruling as follows: **"It will be seen that the paragraph of the complaint now being considered expressly alleges an illegal conspiracy to engage in a secondary boycott. No conspiracy itself is actionable unless it appears that an overt act was committed in furtherance of that conspiracy, whether the conspiracy be criminal or civil. In order, therefore, to constitute the conspiracy mentioned in the complaint, an actionable conspiracy, that is, one on which an action may be founded, it is necessary to further examine the paragraph of the complaint under discussion. The complaint goes on to allege that the conspiracy was for the purpose of injuring and causing loss to customers of the plaintiff.** This phraseology simply sets forth the purpose of the conspiracy and does not allege any unlawful act. The complaint also recites that in furtherance of the conspiracy, the defendants have threatened numerous customers of the plaintiff and have told those customers that if they continued to purchase ice from, or do business with the plaintiff, strikes of all employees of said customers will be called. **The right to call a strike in disputes is unchallenged.** The complaint further alleges that the plaintiff threatened to picket customers. **Peaceful picketing is recognized as a right guaranteed by the Federal Constitution and the Constitution of the State. The right to peaceful picketing in a labor dispute is unchallenged."** (Our emphasis.)

TODD ARGUES CASE

The case was argued by Clarence E. Todd, attorney for the California State Federation of Labor, and John T. Holt, in behalf of the unions, and the arguments continued over a period of two weeks. The ruling attacking the constitutionality of the "secondary boycott" act was handed down March 18.

That certain employers in the southern part of the state apparently plan to attack various unions with the secondary boycott law is further evidenced by another case in Santa Ana, where the Excelsior Creamery Company has entered a complaint against the Teamsters' Union, the Central Labor Council of Orange County, and others, for violation of this act.

CASE INVOLVED TEAMSTERS

The Santa Ana case grew out of a secondary boycott by the Teamsters' Union against the Creamery Company to compel the latter to sign a union shop agreement. The boycott was resorted to by the Union against the customers and suppliers of this Company. In this respect, this case is very similar to action brought in Los Angeles a year and a half or so ago against the building trades, in which case the unions won a signal victory in the decision handed down by Judge Edmund Wilson. This decision also attacked the constitutionality of the hot cargo and secondary boycott act.

The California State Federation of Labor hails the decision in the San Diego case as a great victory for labor and further evidence of the unconstitutionality of the "hot cargo" law. It is to be hoped that these setbacks will discourage this latest epidemic of secondary boycott cases brought by anti-union employers. The unions may be assured, however, that the Federation will continue to combat every attempt by employers to victimize them by invoking this law.

Executive Council Backs Warren, Shelley, Rogers

Endorsement of Earl Warren (Republican) for Governor, John F. Shelley (Democrat) for Lieutenant-Governor, and Will Rogers, Jr. (Democrat) for U. S. Senator was voted last Sunday by the Executive Council of the State Federation of Labor following a state-wide conference of labor representatives.

Other endorsements voted included: For Attorney-General—Fred Howser (Republican) and Edmund G. Brown (Democrat); for Secretary of State, Frank M. Jordan (Republican); for State Treasurer, Charles G. Johnson (Republican); for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, H. Dewey Anderson (Democrat).

Robert W. Kenney, incumbent Attorney-General who has filed as a Democratic contender for Governor, is backed by the CIO-PAC, as is Congressman Ellis E. Patterson, filed for U. S. Senator. Both AFL and CIO labor groups, however, are backing the same candidates for state-wide offices in a few instances: These include John F. Shelley for Lieutenant-Governor; Edmund G. Brown for Attorney-General; Dewey Anderson for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

FIGHT FOR FEPC



The fight for a Fair Employment Practices Commission is not over, 17,000 people were told at FEPC rally in New York, sponsored by all labor and civic groups. Speaking at rally, l to r: Sec. of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, AFL Vice-Pres. Matthew Woll and Senator Wayne Morse (R, Ore.) (PM photo by Steven Derry via Federated Pictures).

Labor Items

WASHINGTON.—AFL told House Committee on Immigration it opposed pending legislation to curtail existing immigration quotas.

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WASHINGTON.—The biggest back pay award in history, $25 million, is now being distributed to more than 50,000 AFL workers employed by Western Union.

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NEW YORK.—The Workers Education Bureau of America will hold its 25th anniversary conference April 5 and 6 at the Hotel Commodore. Speakers will include Wm. Green, Labor Secy. Schwellenbach and Secy. George Meany.

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NEW YORK.—City authorities agreed to pay $1,800,000 in back wages to 460 carpenters, electricians, plumbers and painters on municipal payroll. 7-hour day, 35-hour week and average pay of $3900 a year included in gains negotiated with city.

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PHILADELPHIA.—AFL Pres. Wm. Green, speaking before Metal Trades Council, pledges AFL support to maintenance of an American navy "second to none."

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WASHINGTON.—Samuel J. Gompers, 77, son of the founder of the AFL, died after long illness. Since 1918 he had been chief clerk in the Labor Department.

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WASHINGTON.—AFL V. P. Harry C. Bates told Nat. Public Housing Conference here that American vets want durable, safe and sanitary homes—not "chicken coops," and made renewed plea to pass Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill for housing.

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NEW YORK.—75,000 AFL members of Int. Ladies Garment Workers have won wage increases totaling over $13 million a year. Increase amounts to about $4 per week per worker.

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NEW YORK.—The Nat. Assn. of Manufacturers is holding a series of local meetings with industrialists throughout the nation to whip up enthusiasm for its drive against price control.

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Progressive Mine Workers (unaffiliated) will insist on 6-hour day in negotiations with Illinois Coal Producers Assn.

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SAN DIEGO—Reduction of basic workweek from 48 to 40 hours for chain and independent food markets has been won by Retail Clerks 1222.

Lewis Reported Angling to Get Labor's Support Of Republicans

New York City

Local political bigwigs, especially Democrats, are seriously concerned because John L. Lewis, United Mine Worker chief and vice-president of the AFL, has been holding secret sessions with top Republican politicos in Washington and New York.

The concern is that Lewis will try to shove the AFL into the ranks of the GOP.

Lewis was seen enter the Young Republicans' headquarters at Sixth Ave. and 40th St. here a few weeks ago accompanied by Herbert R. Brownell, retiring GOP party chairman, and Frank Gannett, millionaire reactionary Republican and presidential aspirant. Thomas J. Curran, NY Secretary of State and state chairman of the Republican party, was also in the party.

In Washington, John R. Martin, Republican congressional minority leader, has been seen entering AFL headquarters when Lewis was also on the premises.

BITTER AT CIO

Back of Lewis' rumored drive to put the AFL in Republican ranks is supposed to be his hatred for the CIO. Lewis has already voiced his opinion that the New Deal should lift price controls and ceilings to bring the return of "supply and demand." So far only the Republican party via its leaders has loudly attacked price controls. Politicians here point out that nearly all Democrats and most consumers want controls continued, according to polls.

If Lewis is successful in any attempt, union leaders think the AFL will be split wide open. They point out that most rank and filers feel that the New Deal with its social reforms did more for labor in 12 years than any and all previous Republican administrations.

Dry Goods People Brag of Hoarding Needed Clothing

Washington, D. C.

Attack on the OPA took the form of an exhibition by the Natl. Retail Dry Goods Assn. in the House office building, when representatives of NRDGA moved a traveling display of cloth goods, toasters, scooters and illustrative placards into Congressional halls just as hearings on continuation of OPA were taking place.

Inviting members of Congress and the press as well as Stabilization Director Chester Bowles and Price Administrator Paul Porter to their show, the sponsors strove to drive home the point that OPA is injuring the public by forcing established, honest producers like themselves out of business leaving the way open for new manufacturers to force shoddy goods on consumers. OPA, they claim, gives newcomers advantages in establishing price formulas.

Vice Pres. Robert A. Seidel of W. T. Grant Co. was chief ringmaster of the Congressional show. "In many cases goods are being made and held," said Seidel, "and they will be held until the maker gets a price to meet his cost." One boys' suits manufacturer had 4000 dozen suits, with 18,000 dozen in the process of manufacture—and he is not selling, said Seidel. Asked for the name of the maker, Seidel replied firmly: "I don't think I'll give that to you!"

Seidel would not name any firms he claimed were forced by low OPA price ceilings to stop manufacture.

Tremendous Army Of Jobless Seen For L. A. County

Los Angeles, Calif.

There are three persons unemployed for every five with jobs in industry and local stores in Los Angeles county, figures kept by the U. S. Employment Service indicate. Five thousand job seekers are arriving here each week only to find that the much-heralded post-war expansion has not even begun.

Unemployment in the county will reach between 400,000 and 500,000 before the year is over, according to local labor leaders. The unemployed increased by nearly 20,000 in February to an estimated 208,500.

This was not at the expense of existing jobs but the effect of returning veterans and of former war workers who have been "vacationing," USES Dir. Raymond Krah of Southern California believes.

Job openings for the 208,500 were limited to 16,127 as of Feb. 21 at an average pay of $1 an hour for men and 75c for women. A spot check of 34 major plants in aircraft, shipbuilding and rubber—the biggest war boom industries in the county—showed employment at one-third of its war peak.

Actual number of openings in these industries as of Feb. 21 were only 1541, which did not even make up for the layoff of 2000 in the Lockheed aircraft force of 27,000—largest single employer in the county.

Say British Arming Units Unfriendly To Yugoslavia, Poland

Cairo, Egypt

British taxpayers, who are now supporting an anti-soviet Polish army in Italy, will have to support another emigre army composed of Yugoslavs opposed to the Tito government, Allied Labor News reports.

Royalist Yugoslavs are being organized in special corps to guard British naval establishments along the Suez canal. The men, who will get the same rations and pay as British personnel, are all recruited from the El Arish camp, which has for a long time been the center of anti-Tito propaganda. The Yugoslav government has not been informed of the step.

Hit Krueger Concerts For Franco Spain

Detroit, Michigan

Musical circles are buzzing with astonishment because Conductor Karl Krueger of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has agreed to conduct concerts in Madrid this summer under the Spanish dictator Franco. They point out that the allies in Germany recently forbade Conductor Furtwaengler of the Berlin symphony to go back to his old job because he had conducted under Hitler.

State-Wide Movement to Save Food for European Relief Launched at Meet

Co-operation of various influential California organizations on a state-wide basis to aid in the saving of food (now wasted) for the relief of the growing and critical famine conditions in Europe took form this week at a Berkeley meeting with the organization of an Emergency Famine Relief Committee.

The movement has been launched by the United States Department of Agriculture Production and Marketing Division, which is in charge of organizing similar work in every state. In California it is headed by Dave Davidson of Berkeley.

On May 19 Davidson called together representatives of labor, farm, service, civic, business organizations (including all types of business handling food) for preliminary organization work. Last Monday this committee met in Berkeley to work out details of the program. Davidson was named as chairman and a number of co-chairmen were selected to contact various groups in the state. Two committees were set up—one on publicity and education, another on practical methods for saving wheat, fats and oils for relief shipments.

Speakers at the meeting pointed out that the famine situation is desperate in other countries, and that food saving by the American people alone could do much to alleviate the conditions. It was pointed out, for example, in this country 1 slice out of every loaf goes into the garbage—that just 3 slices out of every loaf of bread would be equivalent to three fourths of a million tons of wheat. The saving of just one tablespoon of fat per day would amount to a million pounds throughout the country.

Organizations co-operating in the drive to save food for the needy in Europe include the California P.-T.A., Retail Grocers Association, Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Council of Churches, Catholic Rural Life Conference, Federation of Women's Clubs, the State University, the State Dept. of Education, the D.A.R., Farm Bureau, and the Farmer-Labor Consumer Association (which represents the AFL, CIO, Western Co-operative Dairymen and various consumer groups).

COUNCIL TO BACK SLATE IN COMING CAMPAIGNS

A militant program for effective labor political action in the coming campaign is being worked out by the Central Labor Council here, according to Peter A. Andrade, president.

The Council will endorse a slate which will not conflict with the slate of state-wide candidates recently endorsed by the California State Federation of Labor, but the campaign will particularly emphasize the importance of electing progressive pro-labor candidates to fill the offices of assemblyman, state senator and sheriff.

Sewer Job At Salinas Under Way

A huge sewer project has been started in the Salinas area by the Anderson-Dougherty-Hargis Company of Salinas, reports J. B. McGinley, Salinas business agent of Monterey County Building Trades Council.

The job is for new sanitary sewers serving the area from Romie Lane to the Shippers Development Company.

Construction of the new highway from Santa Rita north for eight miles, to make Highway 101 a four-lane road, is progressing rapidly with union crews on the job, McGinley added.

CAMBIANO HELPS TO SETTLE DISPUTE AT WORK LUMBER CO.

Representative Joseph Cambiano, of the California State Council of Carpenters, was in Monterey last week to assist mill workers at the Work Lumber Company in Monterey in settling a dispute which had tied up the firm for three days.

The grievance started when mill workers sought an increase in pay comparable to that won by the carpenters recently, it was said.

Somehow, we liked Mr. Churchill a lot better when Hitler was the guy he was mad at.—LABOR LEADER.

LABOR COUNCIL ITEMS

The Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas will send two delegates to the California Federation of Labor convention in San Francisco this June, it was voted last week. Delegates will be chosen later.

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The council has sent a letter to Congressmen urging extension of the OPA until January 30, 1947.

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Culinary Alliance 467 reports a meeting with the employers on a new contract with fair results. Rates agreed upon include $10.50 per shift for dinner cooks; $8.50 for fry cooks; $5.00 for waitresses, day shift, and $5.50 for waitresses night shift or split shift; $6.00 for dishwashers, day shift, and $6.50 for dishwashers, night or split shift. The employers are to furnish uniforms and to allow a 10-minute rest period per shift.

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Plumbers Union 503 reports the craft expects a pay raise to $1.87½ per hour, to make the Salinas rate on a par with the scales for the craft in all of northern California.

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Hugh Lyons is acting president of **State Employees 420** until the union has its regular elections in June.

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Salinas dyers and cleaners have recognized **Laundry Workers Union** 258 as bargaining agency for workers in this industry, as result of negotiations assisted by the Salinas Labor Council. An agreement will be negotiated shortly.

Clerks Win Recognition At Wards

Official recognition of Retail Clerks Union 839 of Salinas as bargaining agent for employees at the Montgomery Ward & Co. store in Salinas was received last week in a communication from W. W. Ward, regional attorney for the firm.

The letter stated that Local 839 is recognized as having established itself as representative for a majority of employees, and therefore is recognized as bargaining agency for employees, exclusive of the manager and assistant manager.

James Thompson, international representative here assisting local 839, said similar recognition has been won for the Safeway and Purity food stores.

Individual contracts signed last week included those for Airway Market, Joseph Rossi, proprietor; Moser's Food Mart, W. A. Moser, Jr., proprietor; Central Market, Peter LaMacchia, proprietor; Cava Alisal Market, Joseph Cava, proprietor; Alisal Drive-In Market Tony Orlando, proprietor.

McCutcheon Resigns As President of Culinary-Bartenders

E. D. ("Mac") McCutcheon, president of Bartenders & Culinary Workers, Local 483 of Monterey, for some time, resigned last week because of ill health. McCutcheon has also served the union as business representative in past years.

Alma Curtis, vice-president, was named chairman of the union for the time being.

Negotiations for the union are progressing well, Business Agent Steve Smario reports, with meetings held for preliminary submission and discussion of points.

MONTEREY WAITS MOVIE STARS FOR SHOOTING NEW FILM

Greer Garson and Robert Montgomery, film stars, are expected in Monterey shortly to start the filming of a new motion picture, sets for which have been under construction for several weeks.

Union officials say the set construction is a fully union job.

Unions Aid Red Cross



The experienced hand of Ervin Schwaegel of Local 165, Intl. Ladies Garment Workers (AFL) in St. Louis helps cut cloth the Red Cross will make into robes for hospitalized vets. (Federated Pictures).

Railroad Labor Declares Wages Below Standard

Chicago, Illinois

Gross inequities between wages of railroad workers and those in other industries were charged at the opening of fact-finding hearings on wage demands of the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen and the Bro. of Locomotive Engineers (both unaffiliated).

President Truman's appointment of the 3-man board resulted in postponement of a strike called for March 11 by the two unions, which are asking 25 per cent wage increases retroactive to Aug. 1, 1945.

Last raise granted rail workers in 1943, the fourth in 20 years, leaves them some 18 per cent behind the weekly wages of other workers, Union Atty. Ray Miller told the panel. As the hearing got under way, 15 non-operating rail unions and three other operating unions, also seeking wage increases, entered their third week of arbitration.

Hits Sweatshoppers



Leon Henderson, former OPA Administrator, charged opponents of the 65 cents minimum wage bill are trotting out the same old falsities "to maintain a system of sweatshopping which has no justifiable place in American life."—(Federated Pictures)

THE COW'S HUSBAND



". . . A more important question is whether children should be taught to depend upon the federal government to feed them. Should the tender minds of little children be impregnated with the idea that the politicians here in Washington love them more than their own parents? That is really the big question in considering this measure.—FER. FREDERICK C. SMITH (R., Ohio), speaking on the school-lunch bill, as quoted in the Congressional Record.

Bill To Probe Lobby Element Finding Favor

Washington, D. C.

Scattered support from both sides of the House was voiced for the lobby control resolution offered by Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D. Ill.) The resolution provides for a five-man special committee with power to find and provide information on all Congressional lobbyists. Opponents of the housing bills and price control measures as well as the power lobby are specifically mentioned.

He Needs A Job!

When he went to war, this vet didn't think he'd ever be patrolling the streets with a plea for work. It happened in Philadelphia, but everywhere today vets and ex-war workers are finding it tough to get jobs at decent pay.—(Federated Pictures)

FEDERAL OPERATION OF 'USES' SUPPORTED

Washington, D.C.

Continued federal operation of the U. S. Employment Service as provided in S. 1510 was indorsed by 169 independent businessmen, publishers and bankers from 27 states in a signed statement submitted to the Senate committee on education and labor.

Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), chairman of the committee, said he welcomed the support of the business group "because their action emphasizes the need for maintaining a strong U. S. Employment Service during the reconstruction period."

Pointing to the fact that "the U. S. faces a chaotic labor market," the statement said "efficient machinery for staffing expanding production and speeding re-employment is urgently needed for a successful reconversion. Many employers therefore oppose current proposals to return the USES to state control prematurely and without adequate legislative safeguards."

YOU AND YOUR JOB
What You Should Know About Law

This Business of Color

The Wagner Act makes no mention of race, sex, citizenship or color, but one legal point, which is widely misunderstood, should be cleared up. As the law stands today, a union which does not admit Negroes to membership may nevertheless be recognized by the NLRB as the representative of the employes if it wins an election, and this even though some of the employes are Negroes. But the important thing to remember is that the union must represent ALL employes fairly, Negro as well as white, without discrimination between them—in its dealings with the employer as to wages, hours and conditions. Note that the 'fairness" which is required of the union by law means equality in treatment ONLY in dealing with the employers. This means, for example, that the union cannot legally contract with the employer for one scale of wages for the white workers and a lower one for the Negroes. On the other hand, it does not mean that the union is compelled to provide equality in respects which do not concern bargaining with the employer. Thus some unions maintain separate or "auxiliary" locals. (Recent court rulings on the "auxiliary" controversy are something else again.)

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The Labor Editor Speaks

TIME TO KEEP COOL!

No one can doubt that the international situation is critical but now of *all* times, is the time to avoid hysteria and to try and see things in perspective. Two countries have been acting unilaterally (that's a fancy displomatic word for doing something on your own hook and not consulting the bunch) to defend and-or extend their "regions of influence." Britain has been doing it to preserve her empire (Greece, Egypt, Near East, Palestine, India, Indonesia.) The Soviet Union has been doing it to strengthen and secure her border approaches (Finland, Baltic States, Poland, Hungary, Manchuria, Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Iran.)

Britain is an island ruling over a huge domain of colonies, mandates and protectorates and makes her living that way. If she loses those colonies and dependencies she becomes "just England." Unilaterally she has been engaged in preserving her trading outposts. She fears the extended influence of Russia in the Near East and in southeastern Europe, and her diplomacy at the moment consists in trying to weaken that influence. Russia, suffering terrible devastation in two world wars and in the Allied intervention and ally-backed counter-revolutions after 1917, is now grimly determined that only "friendly" governments shall exist on her border approaches. The bulk of her oil supply is in the Caucaucus which is next door to Iran. She wants freedom for shipping through the Turkish straits. She wants access to a warm-water port in the Red Sea. Britain doesn't want her influence to be extended that far because she feels it might constitute a threat to her empire "lifeline."

For centuries Britain has been able to maintain her empire through a "balance of power." Alone England cannot defend her empire. Therefore she makes alliances. When one big power gets too strong she plays other powers against her. Because of a common language and many common traditions, the United States naturally prefers British to Russian influence around the world. In all of the UNO conferences so far, the British "bloc" has been almost invariably supported by the American "bloc." One reason for it, of course, is because the Soviet Union has a radically different social system and wants to see it spread.

The point is that unilateral actions by both powers is due to *fear*—Britain's fear that her status quo is jeopardized; Russia's fear that the world is generally hostile toward her because of her socialized economy. Russia fears that before many years both Germany and Japan might again be used by the Allies to join them in opposing the "greater menace" of "bolshevism." Such things as the Churchill feeler for a British-American alliance are vivid reminders to Russia of the major role that the ex-Prime Minister played in the old days in trying to smash the Soviets.

Thus the temporary wartime alliance and unity for victory was only an uneasy truce and we are once again in the vicious circle of fear and suspicion. The first real crisis confronts the UNO. If the problems that have arisen are not solved, the UNO will be a dead duck. If we can weather this crisis, there may be a good chance to resolve fundamental differences. *We think that if Franklin Delano Roosevelt were alive today the situation would offer greater hope.*

But the thing to keep in mind during all these headlines about Russia is the fact it is *imperialism* that is the principal disturber. For the United States to defend and underwrite British imperialism will *not* guarantee peace. We do not think there can be any real assurance of world peace until there is world government, until all peoples who want independence have it within the confines of the federated world state, until all peoples have equal access to the world's key resources and strategic waterways.

Ahead of us lie many revolutions against empire domination, revolutions against monarchy and dictatorship, revolutions against landlordism. The UNO cannot prevent such things. But it should and can prevent another world conflagration *if* there is a real determination on the part of the leaders of the Big Three to put themselves in one another's shoes long enough to evaluate realistically the problems of all and compromise sufficiently to make adjustments.

No one nation in this sombre picture has a monopoly on villainy. Name-calling and saber-rattling will not solve anything. *Somehow this vicious circle of fear, suspicion and distrust must be broken, and only statesmanship of a very high calibre can accomplish the task.*

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

It has taken ten years for the United States, Britain and France to decide that fascism in Spain stinks just as reekingly as fascism elsewhere—or is it that the "statesmen" just recently removed the clothespins?

GIGGLES AND GROANS

UTMOST COOPERATION

The Ladies' Improvement Club was holding its monthly meeting. The visiting speaker was the president of the local Chamber of Commerce. He began:

"Ladies, I want you all to know that the chamber is behind you, and we stand ready to carry out anything you do."

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HOW DO YOU TAKE IT

George Rigaud, star of "Mr. Strauss Goes to Boston," got a fan letter from a girl who said:

"Dear Mr. Rigaud: What beautiful hair you have, and what a physic!"

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REMOVING THE CAUSE

Nurse: "Every time I listen to this soldier's heart his blood pressure goes up. What should I do?"

Doctor: "Button your blouse."

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LAND OFFICE BUSINESS

What with the housing shortage, we don't suppose anybody has a bed to spare, but the Summit hotel, Uniontown, Pa. recently ran this ad in a Hollywood paper:

Wanted, to buy: a large bed with a romantic past and history. Our eight foot square John Gilbert Hone moon Bed, used exclusively for honeymooners, is unable to handle the demand.

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NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

The lovely thing yanked her lovely self out of the clutches of the sailor and flung eye daggers at him. "Who?" she cried angrily, "said you could kiss me?"

"Everybody on my ship," replied the sailor.

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SLIPPED A NOTCH

Bill Stern, the sports commentator, was knocking a Broadwayite. "He's a pain in the neck!" Bill barked.

"I had," said a pretty young lady, "a much lower opinion of him."

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TOTAL WAR DEPARTMENT

During the war, the skipper of a new tanker sent in this report to the officials of a shipping company that built his ship: "This vessel has recently experienced a great amount of trouble with the smaller pumps failing to function properly. The pumps were found to be in perfect condition, and no reason cound be found for their failure until a pair of ladies' panties was taken from the suction pipe. In order that all may co-operate 100 per cent in the war effort and the total destruction of the Axis powers, it is respectfully requested that the lady workers keep their pants on during working hours for the duration."

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THE INIDE DOPE

In the early days of the war a Borneo chief had been invited by the Japanese command to celebrate a victory over the British. The native chieftain rather astonished his hosts, first by announcing that he felt very close to them and adding later, as he toasted the Mikado, that he had Japanese blood in his veins.

"How so?", inquired the Nip officer in command.

"Last week," replied the cannibal, "I ate your general."

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KEEP THE STRAIGHT PATH

She: "Is it dangerous to drive with one hand?"

He: "You bet. More than one fellow has run into a church doing it."

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REAL COMPANIONSHIP

One drunk (to another on the sidewalk): "I can't help ya up, but I'll lie down with ya."

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HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

A gentleman of a very excitable and emotional nature had the misfortune to lose his third wife.. He took the affliction very much to heart, and at the grave was so overcome that he fainted. His friends gathered around him and were fearful for his life. Among them was a German who spoke English brokenly. He stooped down and felt the gentleman's pulse, and, looking up, said: "He's all right; he'll re-wive."

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PROBABLY BOTH

"Bill shouldn't have married Irene. Why in six months she has made him a pauper."

"Wow! Boy or girl?"

New York City Will Meet Private Scale Rates For Building

New York City

A 12-year dispute between the city and New York Building & Construction Trades Council (AFL) was settled when Mayor O'Dwyer agreed that the city would pay the same wage scale as that prevailing in private construction.

Back pay for 460 union carpenters, electricians, plumbers and painters covered by the agreement will amount to $1,800,000. The agreement, reached at a meeting at city hall with Council Pres. Howard McSpedon and 25 other union representatives, also provides that the city guarantee at least 250 workdays a year to its employes holding building trades jobs.

THE MARCH OF LABOR





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"Willie" was born in Emporia, Kansas, in 1868, son of a doctor. At the age of ten he become "Will" (sometimes "Billie") and started into business as a cigar stand salesman. College followed for him after the death of his father, and he then started his long career as a printer, editor and publisher.

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—W. B. PEDIGO.

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Absorbing and exciting, the book has received high praise from literary reviewers all over the country.

—L. R. P.

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New Bantam Issues

Publishers of the Bantam 25-cent issues announce that the following titles were released on the stands as of March 20 and are now available:

"Bugles in the Afternoon," a western mystery by Ernest Haycox; "Net of Cobwebs," murder opus by Elisabeth Sanxay Holding; "Night in Bombay," of special interest due to the current interest in India, by Louis Bromfield; "Only Yesterday," a rollicking history of the "roaring 20's," by Frederick Lewis Allen. Persons interested in back titles which they cannot get at the stands may write Bantam Books at 1107 Broadway, New York 10.—AES.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESS

In San Francisco last year a Russian woman journalist covered the UNO Conference for a Moscow paper. There was a reception for the international press one afternoon and before it was over the American newspapermen who were there and the Russian correspondent were having it heavy on what we mean by "freedom of the press."

The Americans defended their viewpoint manfully. The Russian defended hers. I don't think that anybody convinced anybody else. But I do remember one point she made at the last.

"It's all right," she said, "to talk about the freedom of the press. But you have got to talk about responsibility, too. Do you think that a press should be tolerated that stirs up wars between peoples, that stirs up trouble between races, that doesn't assume the responsibility that goes with its power?"—ALEXANDER H. UHL in an article copyright, 1946, by The Newspaper PM, Inc.

Gerald Nye, Trying For Comeback, Gets Freezing Reception

Bismark, N. Dakota

Former Sen. Gerald P. Nye, who was defeated by his 20-year isolationist, and America First past in 1944, didn't get very far in his attempt at a comeback. Even the Republican party in his own state won't have him.

Nye came in a weak last in the nominating ballot of the Republican state convention here March 13, which nominated Sen. Milton R. Young to succeed himself in the special short-term election June 25. The nominating ballot went 195 for Young, 151 for Dr. George Schaltz and 34 for Nye. Young was appointed early in 1945 after the death of John Moses (D).

Ickes Appeals To Truman to Hold to Ideas Of Roosevelt

New York City

Setting off a drive for an independent political movement in the U. S., Harold L. Ickes called on Pres. Truman "to stand up aggressively for the foreign and domestic policies of Pres. Roosevelt" if he wants support.

Ickes' first major speech since his break with the administration was made at a dinner welcoming him as executive chairman of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. His message was underlined by James Roosevelt, new political organization director for the ICC, which since its origin in 1944 as a voters' committee to help re-elect President Roosevelt has become a nation-wide progressive organization.

FEARS SERIOUS LOSSES

"Many of the things that we fought for during the last decade or two are in very real danger of becoming lost," Ickes warned. "The Fair Employment Practices Committee is for all practical purposes full of embalming fluid . . . the full employment bill little more than a pious resolution . . . the medical program moldering in some dank corner of Congress.

"Responsibility for the conservation of President Roosevelt's ideals has passed into the hands of President Truman. Whenever the issue has been drawn, President Truman has been found speaking for those policies, but more than words are necessary. The times call for action that has not been forthcoming.

ASKS UNDERSTANDING

"Such an independent movement would support President Truman so long as he advocated and fought for the liberal policies of his great predecessor . . . if he will use his veto powers more often and more forcefully . . . and stand up to the monied interests and the political bosses.

"The people, too, want President Truman to stand up aggressively for the foreign policies of President Roosevelt. They do not feel comfortable with the sniping at Russia which is being indulged in. They know without Russia we would still be fighting the war. They cannot visage a peaceful future without an understanding with Russia."

'Little Flower' Finds Out About That 'Free Press'

New York City

Because New York newspapers refused to run ads featuring a column by Fiorello H. LaGuardia in which he laced into the fascist press, the former mayor of New York filled his column with Mother Goose rhymes.

Explaining why he had to resort to quotes from Little Bo-Peep, Sing a Song of Sixpence and other nursery favorites, LaGuardia wrote: "Since Jan. 1, 1946, the Herald Tribune has refused three articles; the New York Times one, last week's. The Daily News refused articles criticizing their editorials. The Hearst papers have refused to take any. . . .

"We must have an article this week, and I would like to see it published in these great newspapers. I hope no fault will be found with it. I hope it will pass inspection. If you don't like it, don't blame me. Perhaps the great newspapers will like it."

The New York Times ran the ad and a statement explaining it had rejected the previous one because of its "libelous" contents. LaGuardia's March 7 ad characterized a New York Daily News editorial against the UNO as "moronic . . . vile . . . and pure rot."

Only other papers in which the Mother Goose ad appeared were the New York Post and Bronx Home News. LaGuardia's sponsor, the Sachs Quality Stores, was unconcerned about the cold shoulder its columnist was getting from the press. Reader response to the ad series, planned to run for two years as a goodwill gesture, was excellent, a Sachs spokesman said, and comment was "95 per cent favorable."

Real Social Question

Full employment, believes Sclerosis W. Smugg, is contrary to nature and economics and would be dreadfully upsetting to the American way of life. "We have never had it, even in wartime," he writes. "But suppose, for the sake of argument, that we had it. What then, I ask you, would become of the pool of unemployed labor that we have always counted upon in the past to keep wage rates down so that enterprising people can make money and do good to the poor?"—NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE

BIG ELECTRIC MONOPOLIES IN DEALS WITH NAZIS, JAPANESE

Government Says Cartels Divided Up Trading Area

Trenton, New Jersey

Dept. of Justice suit against General Electric and 10 other companies opened in federal court here March 11 in the biggest anti-trust action since before the war.

While the giant corporation stood trial for violating the Sherman act by creating monopolies and international cartel networks to get "high, unreasonable and excessive profits," 200 GE and Westinghouse strikers from Bloomfield, Trenton and Newark paraded with signs reading: GE-Westinghouse Lamp Monopoly Means High Prices and Low Wages.

On strike for two months for a $2 daily wage increase, the corporation's workers were deeply interested in the complicated court proceedings over profits from the lamps they make. Those who could crowd into the courtroom heard Federal Prosecutor Leonard J. Emmerglick charge that GE controls all incandescent lamp production in the U. S. and sold 87.7 per cent of all lamps in the country in 1940.

SAYS CHARGES SERIOUS

"No case in the history of the Sherman act has involved a greater and more serious body of charges and activities," Emmerglick said. The prosecution intends to prove that GE set up the following practices in restraint of trade:

1. Patent pools with Westinghouse and several of the 10 indicted companies which stifled competition and hampered industrial progress.

2. Foreign cartels, operative throughout the war, with Tokyo Shibaura Denki and the German Osram Gesellshaft MBH. (Tom Wright, editor of UE News, returned from Japan last fall with reports that GE made profits from every Zero plant produced by Mitsui-Mitsubishi.)

3. Carving up the world market into exclusive territories which each company was to exploit and strengthening these agreements by exchanging patents and technical know-how.

4. Phony licenses and agency systems of distribution to fix prices long after the expiration of patents which might justify price-fixing.

5. Abuse of the Mazda trademark which is used interchangeably by GE and Westinghouse.

BIG DEFENSE BATTERY

The 11 defendant corporations brought a battery of more than 20 lawyers into Trenton, evidently prepared for a long, costly battle to defend their profits. They took over 25 rooms in the swank Stacy-Trent Hotel, spilling over into office space in a bank building and into nearby Princeton. Chief defense counsel is Whitney North Seymour, one-time assistant attorney-general under Herbert Hoover.

Westinghouse and the Corning Glass works, which appeared in the original indictment, have been granted consent decrees and have agreed to dissolve their lamp monopolies.

St. Louis Municipal Workers Demand Hike

St. Louis, Missouri

Wage increases for nearly 7,000 city employes totaling about 1,800,000 a year have been requested by the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employes in a proposed compensation plan submitted to the city's personnel director.

Bothersome Surplus

TEACHER—Robert, give me a sentence which includes the word fascinate.

ROBERT—(after deep thought) My father has a waistcoat with ten buttons on, but he can only fasten eight.

SEA LIONS TOO CUTE

San Francisco, Calif.

California tourists may get a kick out of watching the frisky sea lions gambol and frolic in the blue Pacific but to the hardworking fishermen they're just pains in the nets.

Trouble is that the sea lions, commonly called seals by outlanders, are too fond of fish. They trail the fishing boats, eat the catch and get tangled in the nets.

Following complaint of a local fishermen's union that they were costing them an average of $100 a boat, the California Fish & Game Commission has agreed to conduct a program against the sea lions. The estimated 30,000 now in coast waters will be reduced to half that number — their penalty for growing too fat and sassy.

Oil Union Asks Big Powers to Poll Interests In Big Business

Washington, D. C.

Indefinite postponement of hearings on the proposed Anglo-American oil treaty was applauded by officials of oil worker groups here. The treaty, one said, "was obviously an effort by major corporations of both countries to perpetuate the international petroleum cartel, to carve out the world's oil resources among themselves and to divide the world into at least two conflicting areas, with World War III as the probable outcome."

Oil officials concurred with the suggestion of Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin of Great Britain that "an Anglo-American-Russian oil agreement would solve the conflict over oil between the great allies forever."

It was proposed that the UNO security council call an international conference on oil and work out an agreement which would give all nations access to the world's oil resources "on an equitable basis." The agreement should also include a code of fair labor practices to improve working conditions in Latin American and Oriental nations, he said.

The Wages of Sin

He was once the black sheep of the family.

When he had won success he presented himself at home again. He told his father how Fortune had smiled on him; he was earning up to $150 a week.

"What—a week?" cried his father.

"A week," was the reply.

"Then come inside," said dad. "The family can stand a lot of disgrace for that."

Flay Churchill 'Call for War'



Reading joint statement denouncing Winston Churchill's proposal for U. S.-British military coalition against USSR as Tory clamor for war which "would cut the throat of the United Nations Organization," are, l to r: Sen. Glen Taylor (D, Ida.), Sen. Harley Kilgore (D, W. Va.) and Sen. Claude Pepper (D, Fla.). (Federated Pictures)

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CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

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LAUNDRY WORKERS 252—Ceets on call in Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets. Mildred Clayton, president and business agent. Phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 117 Pajaro Street at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross. Fin. Secy. and Business Agent, Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa Street, phone 4126. Recording Secy., Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411½ Alvardo St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411½ Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348½ West Street. Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secy.-Treas., W. Y. Karcich, 20 Natividad Road, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-treasurer, R. MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forresters Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216, Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED IN THE WATSONVILLE AREA: Beginning April 1, 1946, your Union will have an office at the Watsonville Labor Temple, across the street from the Resetar Hotel, in order to service your immediate needs.

DO NOT FORGET the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, April 1, at 8:00 P.M. in the Watsonville Labor Temple. All Western Frozen Foods employees invited to attend.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED IN THE SALINAS AREA: Your Union is opening up a temporary hiring hall at 117 Pajaro Street, between Gabilan and East Market, on Monday, April 1, to take care of all produce drivers, ice houses, canneries and freezer plants. The hours will be from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday. There will be a Union Representative in attendance during these hours. Please be aware that this service is primarily to take care of our members and to extend a service to those employers who have need for casual labor as well as keeping our members steadily employed.

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Brother Harris, president of the Union, may be back with us next month. He certainly appreciates the kind messages received during his convalescence.

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We are glad to report that they are collecting for the McBride fund out at Spiegl Foods Company. For those who do not know, Marvin McBride working at the Spiegl Foods plant is a brother of the blind boy who the contributions are going to. Any of our members at the Spiegl Foods Company who care to donate to this fund can do so by calling at the personnel office and contacting Lester Rogers.

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Contributions for the American Red Cross are also being taken at the personnel office and at the office of your Union.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED IN THE ICE HOUSES AND RAITER CANNING COMPANY. If you are entitled to receive a vacation, but have not received one, please notify your employer immediately.

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SAN JUAN—A meeting was held at San Juan last Tuesday and the officers were instructed to open the present working agreement for wages, hours and conditions.

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NEWS ITEM—We regret to report that Sister Rose George is ill at the Hollister Hospital. We all wish for her speedy recovery.

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Remember to pay your dues before the 15th day of the current month so that you may be eligible for sick benefits in the event you get sick or get hurt and are unable to work.

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Sick benefits checks went to the following people this week:

Elidio Mireles, Salinas; Albert A. Harris, Salinas; Martha Morrow, Salinas.

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 890

Please keep in mind that when you are unable to work because of sickness or disability, you will only be recognized as being ill or disabled from the DAY YOU REPORT IT TO THE OFFICE. Unless you report your illness to the office of the Union, you will not be eligible for sick benefits; this is in accordance to our Constitution and By-Laws.

The following methods of reporting illness or disability will be accepted: By telephone, Postcard, letter, or calling personally; or you may have your employer call the office.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT—so be sure and keep this in mind.

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)
Monterey, Calif.

Sale of seine fishing boats of the Monterey fleet through UNRRA for shipment to China for use by Chinese fishermen may curtail the catch of sardines in the coming season, officials of the Fish Cannery Workers Union said last week.

It has been reported that between 12 and 30 purse seiners are being sold to government sources for transshipment to the Chinese. Such a loss of local fishing boats would cut sharply into the potential sardine catch next season.

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Hovden's warehouse closed down last week, the first time the warehouse has been closed during the summer for many years. Lack of work for the crews was said to be the reason for shutting down and laying off the men.

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No boats have brought in fish as yet and the summer pack of squid and sardines is still not started, according to officials of the FCWU.

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Construction is continuing good along Cannery Row and all plants are expected to have construction work completed well before the start of the season, August 1.

—THE CAN OPENER.

CANDIDATE



Nicholas R. Gee, lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army, who wil be discharged this week, has announced his candidacy for sheriff of Monterey County. Gee is a former member of Warehousemen & Teamsters Union 890, having taken a withdrawal on February 26. Thirty-nine years of age, and active in many youth, veteran, school and other civic affairs, Gee was a welding technician in civilian life, specializing in machinery construction and engineering. His Army career has seen him promoted through every rank from buck private to lieutenant colonel.

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 1946. The meeting was called to order by President McCutcheon. The roll call showed the presence of six delegates from five locals. Officers present were President McCutcheon, V.-P. Johnson, and Sec.-Treas. Edwards. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded and passed to allow the secretary five dollars for stamps and telegrams. Various communications were presented and considered.

The Glass Bottle Blowers reported that all is going smoothly with them. At their last meeting they discussed some desired changes in their contract.

The Barbers reported a good meeting, but nothing of great importance came up.

The Carpenters reported some difficulty regarding the wage for mill workers. They have not received an increase corresponding to the increase recently given the carpenters. Two new members were admitted—the smallest number in three months.

The Bartenders reported that their negotiating committee is soon to meet with their employers, and the hope was expressed that progress would be made.

The financial report was read and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion vs. Inertia

An impatient installment house dunned one of its customers thus: "Sir: Your account has been standing for two years. We must have it settled immediately."

The prompt reply (sans payment) read: "Sir: Things do usually settle by standing. I regret that my account is an exception. As it has been standing so long, suppose you let it run a while."

Tampa Booms, But Workers Seeking Jobs

Tampa, Florida

Dollars and orange trees grow in what the state chamber of commerce happily calls "fabulous Florida." And so do the people who have no dollars — the unemployed.

A recent release of state-owned Florida News Service, citing bank statements furnished the state comptroller, boasted that deposits are "mounting higher almost daily" and that "many elements in the financial structure of the state show resources have often multiplied tenfold within the last 10 years."

That's the success story of the big shot Floridans and northern black marketeers growing fat off the vacationists who are uncomplainingly paying spectacular prices at the hotels, shops and night clubs in the crowded beach resorts.

CHICKEN-COOPS RENTED

Mobs of tourists willing to pay any price for chicken-coop space have sent rents in Miami Beach and Palm Springs soaring to new heights and not far behind are the prices of food, clothing and entertainment. On display at a haberdashery shop in Miami recently was a tie selling for $1500 which, according to one newspaper columnist, found several eager customers.

But Florida's big postwar boom doesn't show up in the records of the U. S. Employment Service offices in various cities. In Tampa, for example, only 900 jobs were available for 5654 registered workers March 1 with 2400 more unemployed expected withiil the next two months.

RICHES AND POVERTY

Despite the mounting unemployment, Florida bank deposits are expected to reach an all time high of $600 million in 1946 as against $387 million in 1944. Unconcerned that thousands of workers are faced with the dilemma of paying tourist inflated prices on low pay or no wages at all, the C. of C. review boasted:

"Victory at arms having released an unprecedented surge of visitors with bales of spending money, Florida is lolling in a half-billion dollar tourist season, the greatest in its economic history."

PER CAPITA PUT OFF BY MACHINISTS

Washington, D. C.

The Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) has voted overwhelmingly in a national membership referendum to defer per capita payments to the AFL.

Results of the poll are carried in the March issue of the official organ, The Machinists Journal, showing 53,445 voting for deferment of AFL per capita, and 13,851 against. The majority was 39,594.

The referendum was on a series of questions authorizing the national officers to defer payment uitil AFL officers agree in writing to the IAM's jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction is claimed by the IAM in "erecting and repairing of machinery of all description, on construction projects, in buildings or elsewhere." It also claims jurisdiction in the maintenance and repair of automobiles, trucks and tractors.

The referendum authorized the IAM to insist that AFL Pres. William Green shall "notify in writing, the building and construction Trades Dept. (AFL) and all subordinate councils thereof, that they shall in no way interfere with the IAM's right to negotiate with any employer an agreement covering the erecting and repairing of machinery of all description. It also asked that Green's letter to the Intl. Union of Operating Engineers, giving it jurisdiction on work involved on a ship while the ship is undergoing trial test, be withdrawn.

'S-S-S-S-S-S'

The following "S" poem is a curious illustration of what some people can do when they have time on their hands:

Sudden swallows, swiftly skimming,
Sunset's slowly spreading shade,
Silvery songsters sweetly singing
Summer's soothing serenade.
Susan Simpson strolled sedately,
Stifling sobs, suppressing sighs,
Seeing Stephen Slocum stately,
She stopped, showing some surprise.
"Say," said Stephen, "sweetest sigher,
Say, shall Stephen spouseless stay?'
Susan, seeming somewhat shyer,
Showed submissiveness straightway.
Summer's season slowly stretches,
Susan Simpson Slocum she.
So she signed some simple sketches,
Soul sought soul successfully,
Six September seasons swelter,
Six sharp seasons snow supplied;
Susan sat in a sofa's shelter,
Six small Slocum's side by side.

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Minutes of Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, March 21, 1946.

Meeting called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m. Roll call showed seven local unions represented. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a resolution from B. & C. T. C. of Marin County, requesting the release of building materials to the general public without restrictions. (Filed.)

Received a copy of the wage award for Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf, and Dock Builders, granting Piledrivers L.U. 34 $1.86 per hour. Soremen $2.19 per hour, effective Feb. 26, 1946.

From State B. & C. T. C. of Calif., a copy of the 1945 Labor Laws.

From State B. & C. T. C. of Calif., a resolution requesting the construction laws for City and County be maintained against the construction of cheap homes that will be a fire and health menace.

Received a copy of minutes from the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council and the B. & C. T. C. of Santa Clara County.

Received a copy of Safety Laws from Department of Industrial relations by request from State B. & C. T. C. of Calif.

Report from the Central Valley Project Conference, and a copy of the California Farm Reporter.

Two News Letters from the California State Federation of Labor.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Long reports some 18 new homes started in the past two weeks. Had non-union painter removed from restaurant and butcher shop jobs in Monterey. A dispute at one of the local mills over the wage rate has been settled and further negotiation will be taken up at a later date.

The report was followed about the non-union painter who has a fair contractor who is building a home for himself and reserved the right to do his own painting on the job. After several minutes of discussion in which the contractor took part it was moved and seconded that the contractor be granted permission to finish the house, provided there would be all union men on the job until complete. (Carried.)

It was moved and seconded that all contractors be notified that the Bridle Paint firm is on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. (Carried.)

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Winslow, Painters 272—Good meeting; initiated six new members.

Brother J. Burke, Painters 272—Did lots of business. Initiated three journeymen and three apprentice painters.

Brother O'Neil, Plumbers No. 62—Meet Friday evening; charges the Veterans Administration of giving the apprentice the runaround by not paying the veterans training allowance.

Brother W. T. Evans, Carpenters 1323—Good meeting; initiated three new members. Much of the time was in discussing mill wages.

Brother D. L. Ward, Carpenters 1323—The millmen wage dispute has been settled pending further negotiations.

Brother Fales, Electric Workers 1072—Held a well-atended and a very fine meeting.

Brother Anderson, Sheet Metal Workers 304—No meeting since the council met; everything seems to be in good order.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that President Dickerson and Secretary Long be allowed $25 each to make the trip to Sacramento and California State Federation of Labor political convention. (Carried.)

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

General conditions were discussed, no action.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
—L. T. LONG, Secy.

Schwellenbach Asks Improved Pay, Conditions For Female Help

Washington, D. C.

Improvement in pay scales for women and removal of barriers to their employment were advocated by Labor Sec. Lewis B. Schwellenbach as he addressed a women's bureau conference on the employment problems of women.

Hailing the part that women workers had played during the war, Schwellenbach said: "Certain artificial restrictions that belong to a past age should not be allowed to handicap the contribution women can make now."

"No bars should be erected against the employment of women, married or single, in work they can do under physically healthful conditions. . . . Pay scales should not discriminate against women. As members of a free society, women should be enabled to choose the way of life that permits them to make their fullest contribution to the world's upbuilding," he said.

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PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m. Pres., Robert Deakin, 149 Monterey, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 9285. Rec. Secy., Ed. L. Castle, 457 Wave, Monterey, phone 6312. Financial secretary, J. C. Hazelwood, 419 9th St, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 7905.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8:00 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS No. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411½ Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. L. A. Trine, President, Phone 5704. H. Diaz, secretary, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey. Phone 7555.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Friday of month. Pres., Boyd Beall; Vice-Pres., E. L. Edwards; Sec.-Treas., Art Hamil.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lahr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas. Phone 9668.

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TEACHERS (MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED) 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Fin-Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

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YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS

By GEORGE E. OUTLAND



Last fall I wrote, on several occasions, about the so-called "Full Employment Bill," which was one of the essential phases of President Truman's program. As the Chairman of the House Steering Committee of 116 Congressmen, pledged to push and work for the bill, I was especially interested in the passing of this measure. I believed it would materially assist in preventing mass unemployment such as that experienced during the 1930's.

In February of this year, after considerable debate, a final measure was agreed to by the House and Senate. It contained, in the main, the provision for a Council of Economic Advisers to the President which would analyze all phases of our economy each year from the point of view of overall employment or the lack of it. If unemployment were prevalent, or seemed inevitable, this group of specialists would study the resources both within private enterprise, and within the government, for solving the very dangerous problem of mass unemployment. The final bill also provides for a Joint Congressional Committee of seven men from each house who will receive the President's Economic Report and recommendations, and will formulate legislation to carry out the programs needed to maintain a healthy, full employment economy in this country.

There has been a great deal of debate as to the merits of this bill, now the Employment Act of 1946. Those who strongly favored the original bill and those who bitterly opposed it, agree that the teeth have been drawn, and that it was a comparatively innocuous measure which went to the White House. On the other hand, there were many thoughtful critics who took the position that, while the words "full employment" had been omitted, and while many other substantial changes had been made and important provisions removed, the final bill could still be a tremendous step forward in preventing unemployment—IF. The IF's were these: IF the joint committee of the two houses of Congress were composed of members favoring the bill's objectives, and IF the Presidential appointees to the Council of Economic Advisers were likewise sympathetic.

On Monday of this week Speaker Rayburn appointed the seven members of the House of Representatives to serve on the Joint Congressional Committee. Five of them were co-sponsors of the original bill and members of the 116-man Steering Committee. They were definitely pledged to an all-out program of full employment in America. Your representative is extremely proud of the fact that he has been named as one of these seven members, as has the author of the original bill, Congressman Wright Patman of Texas.

The Senate appointees have not yet been named, but it is my conviction that at least a majority of these too will be strongly in favor of a progressive program. From the legislative standpoint, then, the picture is favorable.

What of the all important Council of Economic Advisors, the group of three men to aid the President in preparing the annual economic report? These appointments have not yet been made, but here again the outlook is definitely bright. I discussed this problem with President Truman at some length earlier this week, and I can state definitely that he realizes fully the importance of these appointments, and is seeking men who will carry out the broad objectives of maximum employment in every way.

The original co-sponsors of the Full Employment Bill in the House submitted to the President a list of some twelve names, all men who represent the type of citizen who could effectively carry out the purposes of the bill. The President seemed quite pleased to get these suggestions and promised to give them full consideration.

With a favorable legislative committee developing, and with every indication of a favorable administrative group being chosen, I have high hopes that the strongly-phrased statement of purpose in the final bill will be recognized: "It is the continuing policy and responsibility of the Federal Government to use all practicable means . . . to co-ordinate and utilize all its plans, functions and resources for the purpose of creating and maintaining, in a manner calculated to foster and promote free competitive enterprise and the general welfare, conditions under which there will be afforded useful employment opportunities . . . for those able, willing and seeking to work, and to promote maximum employment, production and purchasing power."

If we can really drive substantially in this direction, we shall indeed have made a real contribution toward the development of true economic democracy in these United States.

Long Strike Didn't Hurt General Motors So Much, After All

Detroit, Michigan

General Motors Corp. lost little ground to its competitors during the 113-day strike. Chrysler Corp. has produced 108,000 new cars and trucks (to March 14). Ford turned out since VJ-day about 80,000 cars, not counting trucks; Packard about 10,000; Nash about 12,000; Hudson a little less; Willys-Overland 62,000; Studebaker about 14,000.

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FEDERATION SCORES DELAYED PAYMENTS TO INJURED WORKER

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, California

The use of delay as a cruel weapon to coerce unfortunate workmen entitled to industrial compensation to submit to unsatisfactory settlement of legitimate claims is exemplified in the recent action taken by Hartford Accident & Indemnity against Williams Mahar. The strategy followed by the carrier in this case has been to involve the injured worker in prolonged hearings immediately upon receipt of successful awards by filing repeated petitions to terminate liability.

This vicious practice has now once more been called to the attention of the Industrial Accident Commission by attorneys of the California State Federation of Labor, who ask that this insidious procedure be stopped.

Events leading up to this particular case are as follows: After several continued hearings, which started on November 2, 1945, and during which time the applicant did not receive any compensation payments, Findings and Award were issued on March 6, 1946, holding that Mahar suffered two injuries which were compensable under the Act.

GOT NO PAYMENTS

For one injury, to his ankle, it was found that all payments due had been made, but that Mahar was entitled to further medical treatment. The other injury, to his back, entitled him not only to part payments for temporary disability but to indefinite future payments for temporary disability. During all the time of the hearings Mahar received no payments and his financial position was critical.

On March 11, 1946, the Insurance Company filed a petition to terminate liability of both awards, with the brazen statement that the medical report attached showed that all disability had terminated not merely as of the date of the petition, March 11, 1946, but as of November 2, 1945. Upon examination, the medical report referred to by the Insurance Company contained no statement whatsoever as to when the disability terminated; in fact, the reference in this report was directly to the contrary.

In spite of these facts, and by this simple and repugnant expedient, benefit payments to Mahar were effectively halted. This injured workman must now go through more lengthy hearings and in the interim will receive no financial assistance.

COMPANY DENOUNCED

The calloused, unconscionable attitude of this insurance company is further revealed by the fact that it did not file a petition for rehearing as of March 11, 1946—five days after the award. Failure to do this means that they conceded the correctness of the award. Nevertheless by filing the petition to terminate liability fifteen days before the award was to become final, it is obvious that the company is seeking to circumvent the award.

In a letter to the Industrial Accident Commission, the Federation's attorneys pointed out that "jurists learned in the law have long pronounced the maxim that delay is worse than denial where the rights of the litigant are involved." And further: "We believe it is incumbent upon the Commission in such cases to deny such petitions summarily in order that the workman can at least, to a small extent, retain his belief that the Workmen's Compensation Act is liberal social legislation which should be so construed as to render him the highest possible benefit with the least possible obstruction to its receipt."

The Federation's attorneys concluded this letter as follows: "Accordingly, in this matter we respectfully urge that the petition in this matter be summarily dismissed and that an appropriate reprimand be sent to the individuals involved in the hope that by such action such unconscionable conduct can in the future be at least somewhat deterred instead of continuing as an established procedure."

The Federation is determined to wipe out this abusive practice and will utilize all of its resources in combatting it to a successful conclusion.

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